

Amendment dated

Reply to Office Action of March 23, 2006

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 4-5, 8-9, 16, and 20-21 have been amended. New claims 41-42 have been added. Claims 3, 11-15, and 17 have been withdrawn. Claims 6, 19, and 22-40 have been canceled. Claims 1-5, 8-18, 20-21, and 41-42 are pending in the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

The statement that claims 6, 8-10, and 19-21 are allowable if rewritten in independent form is gratefully acknowledged. Claims 1 and 16 have been rewritten to include limitations, respectively, of claims 6 and 19, with an omission in claim 1 of the source-follower transistor as an n-MOS transistor, and additional clarifying amendments. Accordingly, the claims are now in condition for allowance.

As previously noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141. As acknowledged by the Examiner, claims 1 and 16 are generic. Accordingly, upon the allowance of either generic claim 1 or 16, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider claims to non-elected species (i.e., claims 3, 11-15, and 17).

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In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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